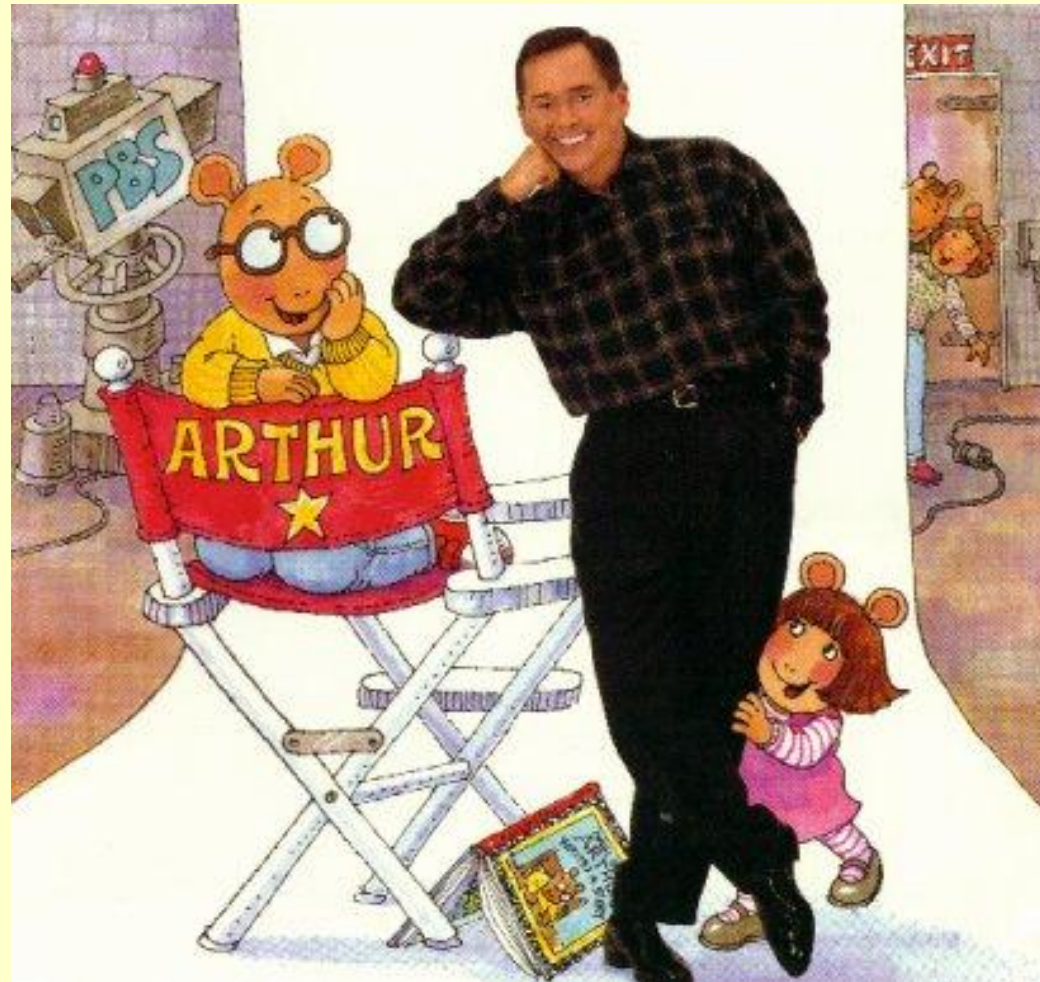


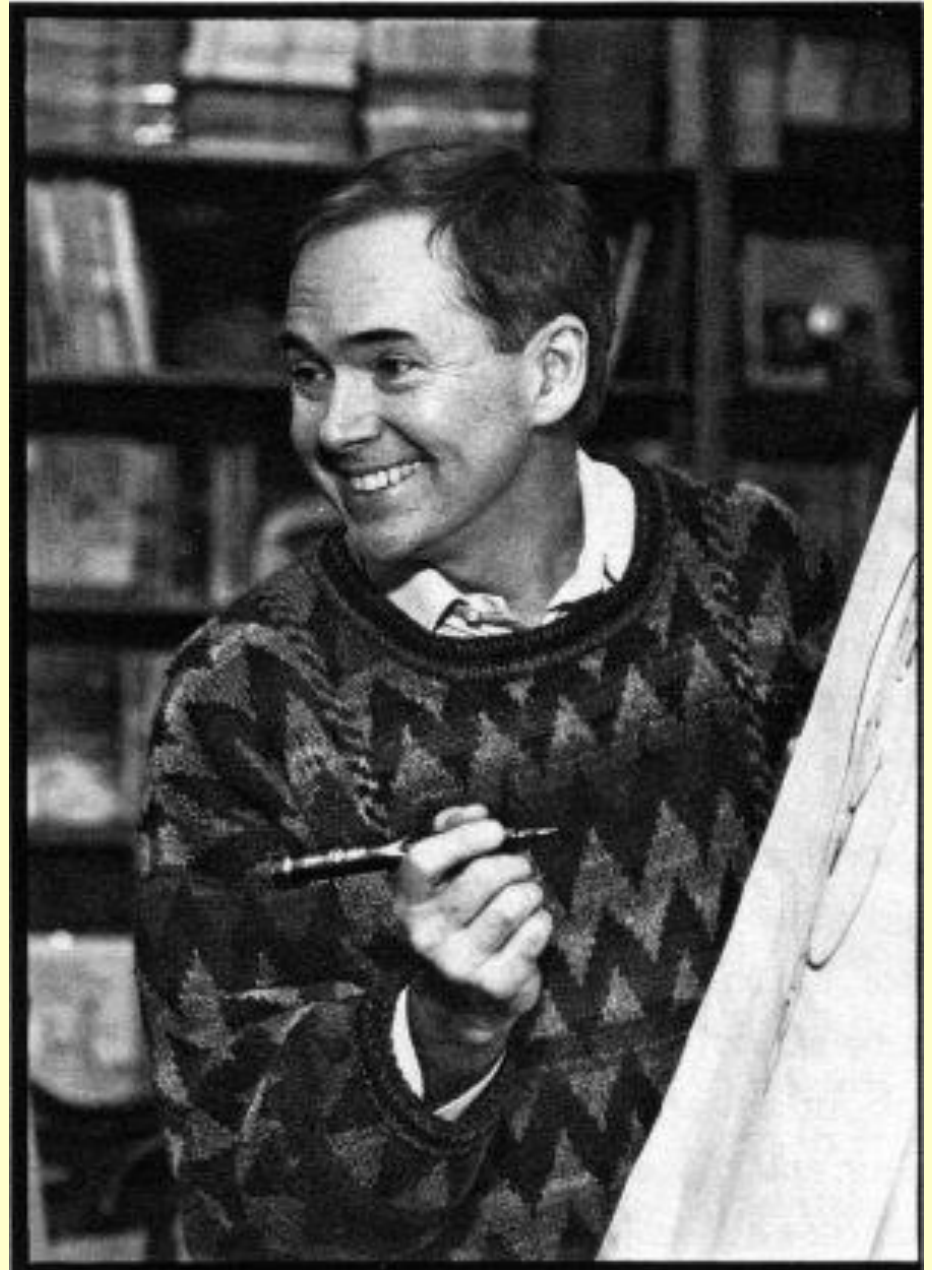
# Let's Meet Marc Brown



**Marc Brown is the author and  
illustrator of the famous  
Arthur books.**



**Marc was  
born in 1946  
in Erie,  
Pennsylvania.**



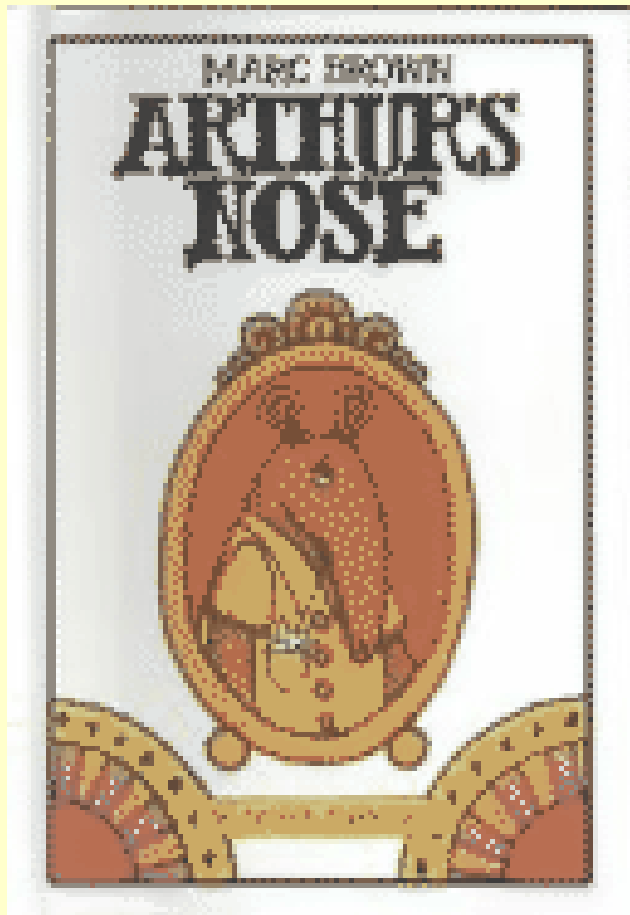


**When Marc was a boy growing up in Pennsylvania, his Grandma Thora told him stories. He says she was the best storyteller ever! Marc gave Arthur's Grandma the same name!**



**Marc began telling stories when his first child, Tolon, was born. He loved to make up bedtime stories for him every night.**

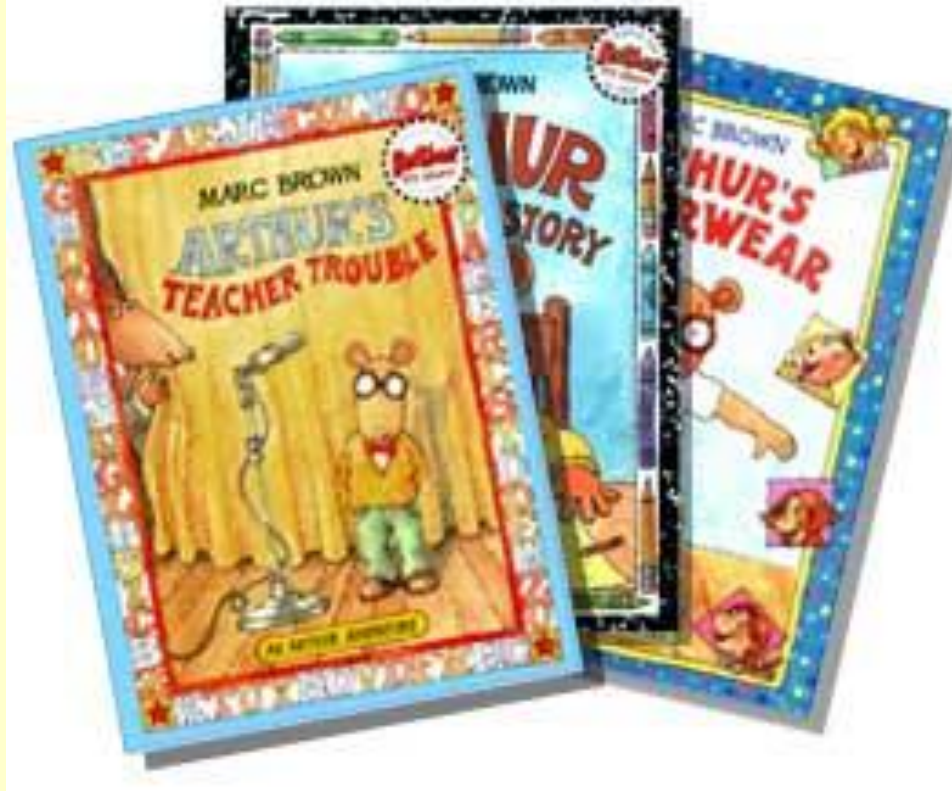




**One night the story was about an aardvark who did not like his nose, that aardvark became Arthur, and the story, Arthur's Nose.**

**Did you notice that Arthur looked very different in that first book? Marc changed Arthur's look a few times over the years.**





**Since the first book, Marc has written and illustrated over 30 books about Arthur, his family and friends.**



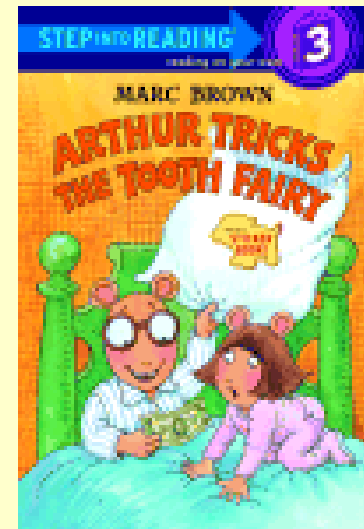
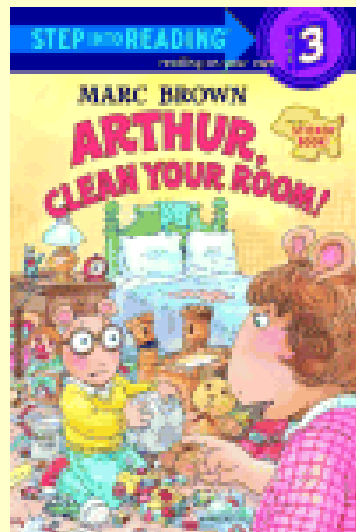


**Marc makes the characters in his books like people from his real life. Buster is like Marc's best friend from elementary school.**



**D.W. and Francine do some of the same things Marc's three sisters did while they were growing up.**

**Marc also uses things that his three children, Tolon, Tucker, and Eliza said and did when they were little to help him come up with story ideas, too.**



**A fun thing to do while reading Marc Brown's picture books is to look for his children's names hidden in the pictures.**

**Toton**

**Tucker**

**Eliza**



**The newest Arthur books  
are longer books for older  
children to read.**



**Arthur seems to be everywhere ! He's even in the big Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.**





**There is even a TV show about Arthur and his friends.**



**Marc Brown lives in Hingham, Massachusetts and Martha's Vineyard with his wife and daughter, Eliza. Tolon and Tucker are all grown up and on their own.**

# The End



**<http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/moviemaker/moviemaker.html>**

Let students change the story elements to match the mood of the story.